

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN
NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
and
NEW HAMPSHIRE AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION**

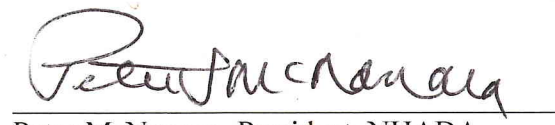
The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) share the common goal of ensuring environmental regulatory compliance within the motor vehicle industry.

DES was established in January 1987 under the provisions of Chapter 202, Laws of 1986 and brought together programs from four previously separate state agencies that had responsibility for such matters as water and air pollution control, water supply protection, dams and flood control, and waste disposal. Today DES implements these and other programs through a variety of regulatory, compliance assistance and educational efforts. The NHADA was formed in 1921 and has 530 business members. The NHADA is a statewide trade association, representing the interests of the motor vehicle industry. Membership consists of all of the new-car and new-truck dealers in the state, along with motorcycle, recreational vehicle, farm equipment, used-car, power equipment, and construction equipment dealers, as well as motor vehicle service, autobody repair, and motor vehicle parts sales facilities, and associate members.

In the past, DES and NHADA have worked cooperatively in partnership on efforts to educate the motor vehicle industry and most recently autobody shops, about environmental regulations and to assist them in achieving compliance. In addition, DES and NHADA have collaborated and continue to work together on the statewide On-Board Diagnostic (OBD II) motor vehicle inspection program, the Granite State Clean Cars program, and the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition's advanced technology and alternative fuel vehicles program. Based upon these successes and to bring greater recognition, effectiveness, structure, and efficiency to future partnership efforts, DES and NHADA hereby enter into this Partnership Agreement. It is anticipated that this Partnership Agreement will result in enhanced communication between DES, NHADA, and its members as well as to enhance environmental regulatory awareness in the motor vehicle industry and improve environmental protection.

The specific areas of cooperation are detailed in the attached work plan, which is the result of discussions between representatives of DES and NHADA. The tasks are nonbinding and voluntary, and can be revised at any time by agreement of both parties.


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Peter McNamara, President, NHADA

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PARTNERSHIP WORK PLAN

I. Timeframe: This Work Plan shall be for the period from October 26, 2010 to October 26, 2012 and may be amended from time to time by mutual written agreement of the parties.

II. Program Areas and Tasks

A. Education and Outreach

1. DES will:

- a. Provide trainers for NHADA workshops on topics such as hazardous waste, air requirements, aboveground and underground petroleum tank storage, water regulations, pollution prevention, and OSHA requirements.
- b. Develop and update fact sheets and environmental regulatory interpretations focused on topics relevant to NHADA members related to the above program areas.
- c. Identify areas of concern for emerging issues in environmental and safety areas in the motor vehicle industry.
- d. Provide resources on products and services to assist motor vehicle businesses with regulatory compliance and voluntary efforts to promote low-emissions motor vehicles, e.g., Granite State Clean Cars program.
- e. Promote the work and accomplishments of the DES/NHADA Partnership Agreement.

2. NHADA will:

- a. Provide a link to the DES website and relevant DES programs on the NHADA website.
- b. Identify outreach and emerging regulatory issues and needs of NHADA members and communicate them to DES.
- c. Partner with DES to provide education for NHADA members and others as relevant and appropriate.
- d. Assist DES with the development and update of fact sheets and environmental regulatory interpretations focused on DES topics relevant to NHADA members.
- e. Provide DES with resources on products and services to assist motor vehicle businesses with regulatory compliance.
- f. Promote DES Programs & Services and promote the work and accomplishments of the DES/NHADA Partnership Agreement.

B. Sustainability

1. DES will:

- a. Conduct targeted outreach and education to assist NHADA members to use pollution prevention and sustainability concepts to improve the industry's impact on the environment.
- b. DES will provide NHADA with information on state and federal grants and programs related to sustainability applicable to the motor vehicle industry and NHADA businesses.

2. NHADA will:

- a. Work with DES to assist members to go beyond compliance toward environmental sustainability utilizing NHADA's environmental initiative: A Road Map to Sustainability.
- b. NHADA will provide DES with industry information and emerging technology trends related to pollution prevention and sustainability in the motor vehicle industry.

C. Granite State Clean Cities Coalition (GSCCC)

1. DES will continue to host the GSCCC and will strive to ensure NHADA and its members can benefit from GSCCC programs, seminars, quarterly stakeholder meetings, and grant/funding opportunities.
2. NHADA will actively participate and support the GSCCC in its mission and programs, including the idling reduction program, biodiesel, electric and compressed natural gas vehicle workgroups.

D. Rule and Policy Changes

1. DES will solicit input from NHADA on rulemaking and policy changes.
2. NHADA will participate in rulemaking and other advisory groups, specifically as requested by DES.

III. Resources to Implement Partnership Agreement

- A. DES will provide staff support to meet the goals of this partnership, subject to budgetary limitations.
- B. NHADA will provide staff and board time to meet the goals of this partnership, subject to staff workload constraints and budgetary limitations.